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SOURCE

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- Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 16 June 1953, the following aircraft were observed at Voelslau (O 48/X 36) airfield: 9 II-28 and Uil-28 planes, 12 Pe-2s, 2 Boston A 20 planes, 2 Aira Cobra F-63 A planes, 1 semi-high-wing monoplane, 2 biplanes, 3 dark-gray Li-2s, and 2 silvery Li-2s. There was no air activity. Up to 11 a.m., there was calm weather, the degree of cloudiness changing between 3/10 and 10/10. Subsequently, there was a southeasterly wind of about 25 km/h, a ceiling of about 1,000 meters and visibility of about 8 km. Source observed concrete taxiways, but no concrete runway. The road across the field, which extended from west-northwest to east-southeast, had a gap approximately in its middle. At this point the main take-off and landing direction, which ran from north-northeast to south-southwest, crossed the road.

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- The following observations were made at Voelslau military post: Voelslau Castle was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Truck [redacted] with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, was observed at the entrance. Building No 13 Bahn Strasse was also guarded by soldiers with black-bordered blue epaulets. Radio trucks [redacted] were observed in the yard. Sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were posted at the garages on Bahn Strasse. The following motor vehicles were observed in the yard:

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Individual EM with black-bordered blue epaulets were observed near the parked motor vehicles. A sergeant and 20 EM with black-bordered blue epaulets and, later, 1 NCO and 15 EM with black-bordered blue epaulets marched to building No 11 Gainfarn Strasse where there was intensive traffic by officers and EM with black-bordered blue epaulets. Sedan [redacted] all with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, were parked in front of the building. Gainfarn Castle was also guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, were observed at the entrance.

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3. Between 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on 17 June, the following aircraft were observed at the airfield: 9 Il-28 and Uil-28 planes, 12 Pe-2s, 2 Boston A-20 planes, 2 Aira Cobra F-63 A planes, 1 semi-high-wing monoplane, 3 dark-gray Li-2s, and 2 silvery Li-2s including one with the Czech national emblem. There was a 4/10 overcast, calm weather, a ceiling of about 1,500 meters, and visibility of 15 km. Air activity was conducted by Il-28 and Uil-28 planes. Motor vehicles observed on the northern edge of the field included: 1 radio truck with a rod antenna; 1 radio truck with an antenna mast about 5 meters high and an unidentified antenna; 1 mobile flight control station painted in a black and white checker board pattern with a dark flag; 4 tank trucks; 3 trucks; 1 sedan, and 1 ambulance. There was air activity between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. by jet planes in elements of twos and flights of threes. Two Uil-28s or Il-28s and, possibly 3 Il-28s, taxied under their own power to the north end of the take-off strip where they were arranged at a distance of 3 aircraft lengths and an interval of about 5 wingspans. They took off at intervals of about 50 seconds and retracted their landing gears shortly after being airborne. Above Woellersdorfer Works, the planes turned to the east and, about west of the Leitha Mountains, turned to the north. After a flight time of about 30 minutes, the aircraft crossed the field from north to south, while extending their landing gears. Over Leobersdorf (O 48/X 36), the first plane of the formation turned to the east and subsequently to the north before landing. The second and/or third plane turned farther south of Leobersdorf, subsequently circled more widely, and then landed at intervals of about 1 minute. The aircraft taxied to a stop on the strip after about 800 meters. In the air, the element of 2 Il-28s and the flight of 3 Il-28s exactly kept intervals of 4 and 2 wingspans and distances of 4 and 2 aircraft lengths respectively. All planes were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. After the landing, the planes taxied under their own power to their dispersal areas. Motor vehicles moved toward the hangars, and the radio installations were dismantled. The take-off strips were marked by red flags along the western border and by white flags along the eastern border. The letter "Y" on the stabilizing surface of the Uil-28s was considerably larger than the numbers on the planes. After 11:30 a.m., air activity was discontinued apparently because of an increased cloudiness and hail west of Bad Voeslau.
4. Between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 19 June, the following aircraft were observed at the airfield: 9 Il-28 and Uil-28 planes, 9 Pe-2s, 2 biplanes, 1 semi-high-wing monoplane, 2 Aira Cobra F-63 A planes, and 3 Li-2s. There was a westerly wind of about 3 km/h, a cloudiness of 3/10 to 6/10, a ceiling of about 2,000 meters, and good visibility. Flights were only made by the two biplanes which took off individually and remained aloft for about 30 minutes. No other activity was observed at the field. Motor vehicles parked there included 1 radio truck with a rod antenna, 1 tank truck, 1 truck, and 1 mobile flight control station. The take-off strip was marked by flags. At the fuel dump, source definitely observed six white containers, each about 3 meters long and 2 meters in diameter and three gray containers of about the same dimensions. The radio installations were unchanged.
5. Voeslau Castle at Voeslau military post was guarded by sentries with black-bordered blue epaulets and frequented by soldiers with the same type epaulets. Three trucks and 2 van-like trucks were parked in the yard of the installation. Truck [REDACTED] was parked in front of building No 3 Bahn Strasse which was guarded by sentries with black-bordered blue epaulets. Truck [REDACTED] was parked in the yard of No 13 Bahn Strasse. Building No 14 Bahn Strasse was also guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and a sedan was parked in a small wooden shed in the yard. The following motor vehicles were observed in the garages in the yard on Bahn Strasse: [REDACTED] and van-like [REDACTED] with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were posted at Gainfarn Castle and two van-like trucks were parked at the entrance to the castle. Three sergeants

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and 36 EM, all wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, marched from the airfield to the castle.

6. Between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 27 June, the airfield was occupied by 9 Il-28 and Uil-28 planes, 3 silvery Li-2s, 3 dark gray Li-2s, and 3 Aira Cobra F-63 A planes. At 10:30 a.m. and again at 10:45 a.m., a silvery Li-2 approached from the north and landed at the field. There was a 5/10 overcast at an altitude of about 2,000 meters, northeasterly wind of 10 to 15 km/h, and visibility of about 5 km. The planes taxied on the strip for about 400 meters and subsequently taxied toward the flight control station. No motor vehicles were observed parked at the field. A radio truck with a rod antenna was observed in a revetment on the eastern edge of the field. About 100 meters north of the point where the road from Teesdorf (O 48/X 36), which crosses the Buddes Strasse, joins the border of the field, there was a tent which was well camouflaged as a hay stack.

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1. Comment. According to available information, Bad Voelau airfield is occupied by an air reconnaissance regiment and a training unit equipped with Il-28s.

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2. Comment. For layout sketch of Bad Voelau military post, see Annex. This sketch is to be used as basic material for further reports.

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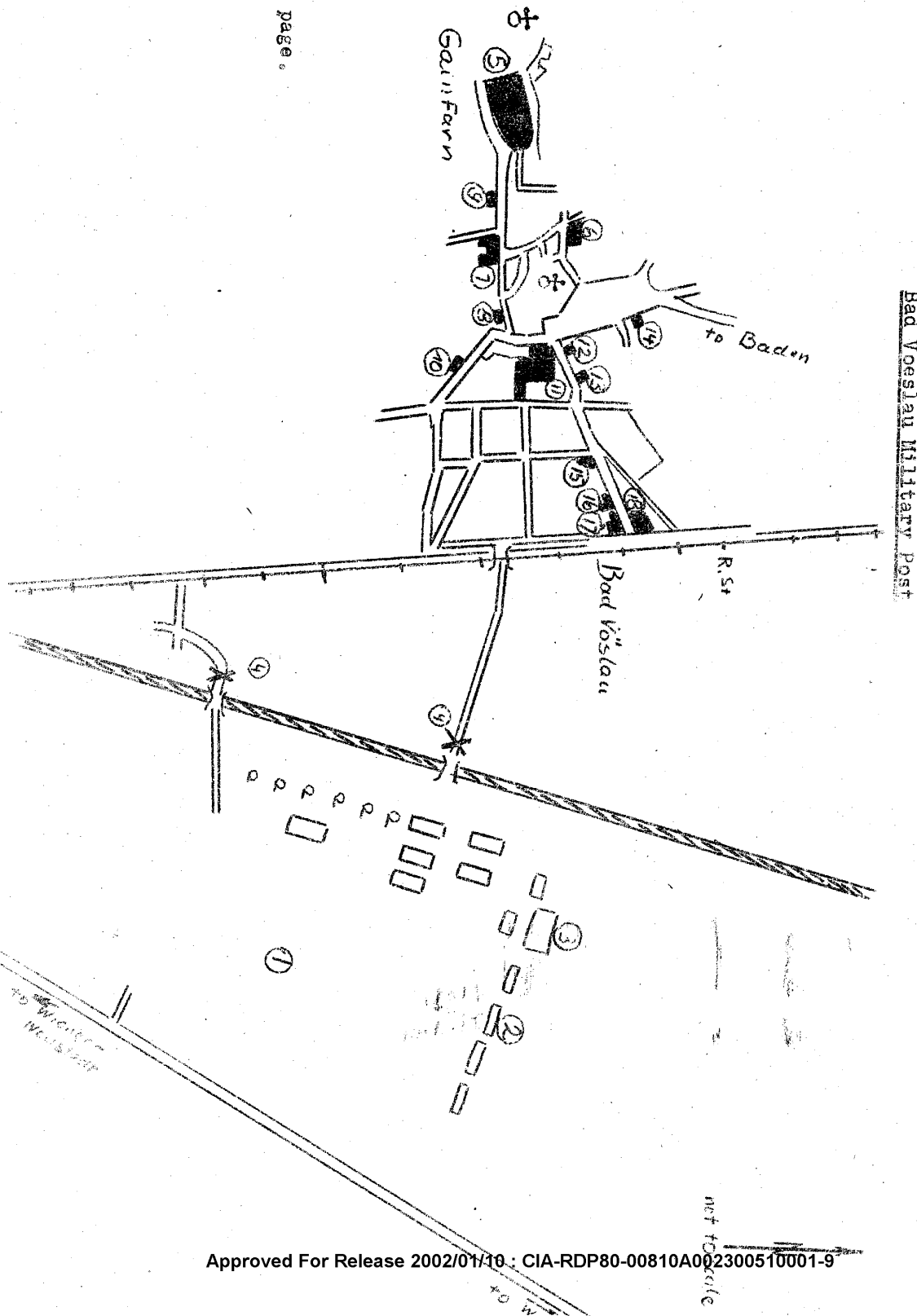
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Legend:

- 1 Airfield
- 2 Hangars
- 3 Fuel dump
- 4 Road blocks
- 5 Gainfarn Castle, quarters
- 6 Gainfarn komendatura
- 7 No 25 Hoch Strasse (Theresienhof), quarters
- 8 No 1 Hoch Strasse, warehouse
- 9 No 11 Gainfarn Strasse, quarters
- 10 No 12 Wiener Neustaedter Strasse, quarters
- 11 Voeslau Castle, quarters
- 12 No 3 Bahn Strasse, housing Voeslau komendatura
- 13 No 13 Bahn Strasse, switchboard
- 14 Villa Dorothea on Haupt Strasse, housing dispensary
- 15 No 14 Bahn Strasse, probably occupied by headquarters
- 16 No ? Bahn Strasse, quarters
- 17 No ? Bahn Strasse, quarters
- 18 No ? Bahn Strasse (laundry), used as garages

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Annex

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